

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: _____ Inventory Number CH-915

Address: 2215 Old Washington Road, Charles County - in the vicinity of Waldorf

Owner: Bowdish, George F et al

Tax Parcel Number: 301 Tax Map Number: 8

Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff: X no ___ yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended ___ Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G X None

Is property located within a historic district? X no ___ yes Name of District: _____

Is district listed?: X no ___ yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

This wood frame house is one story high and one bay wide. Vernacular in style, it features vinyl siding, 6/6 windows, and a front gable, asphalt shingle roof with a shed dormer. The house has been heavily remodeled, and the front porch has been enclosed with siding and windows.

Located in the town of Waldorf, this house reflects patterns of residential development that characterized Waldorf in the early-20th century. Following the Civil War, railroads made the greatest impact upon community development in this area, particularly the completion of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad's (B & P) main line from Bowie in Prince George's County to Pope's Creek in Charles County in 1872. Small towns, like Waldorf, grew when they became regular stops on the B & P line, and developed as service centers for the surrounding rural areas. As a result, by 1887, Waldorf grew to contain a Methodist Church, a school, two general stores, two saloons, and two hotels. By the beginning of the 20th century, road improvements and the use of the automobile brought further development to the region. As trucks began carrying more tobacco and produce from southern Maryland to northern markets, the demand for better roads grew. In 1922, the construction of the Robert Crain Highway, the predecessor to U.S. 301,

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[Signature]
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

10/20/98
Date

Reviewer, NR Program

Date

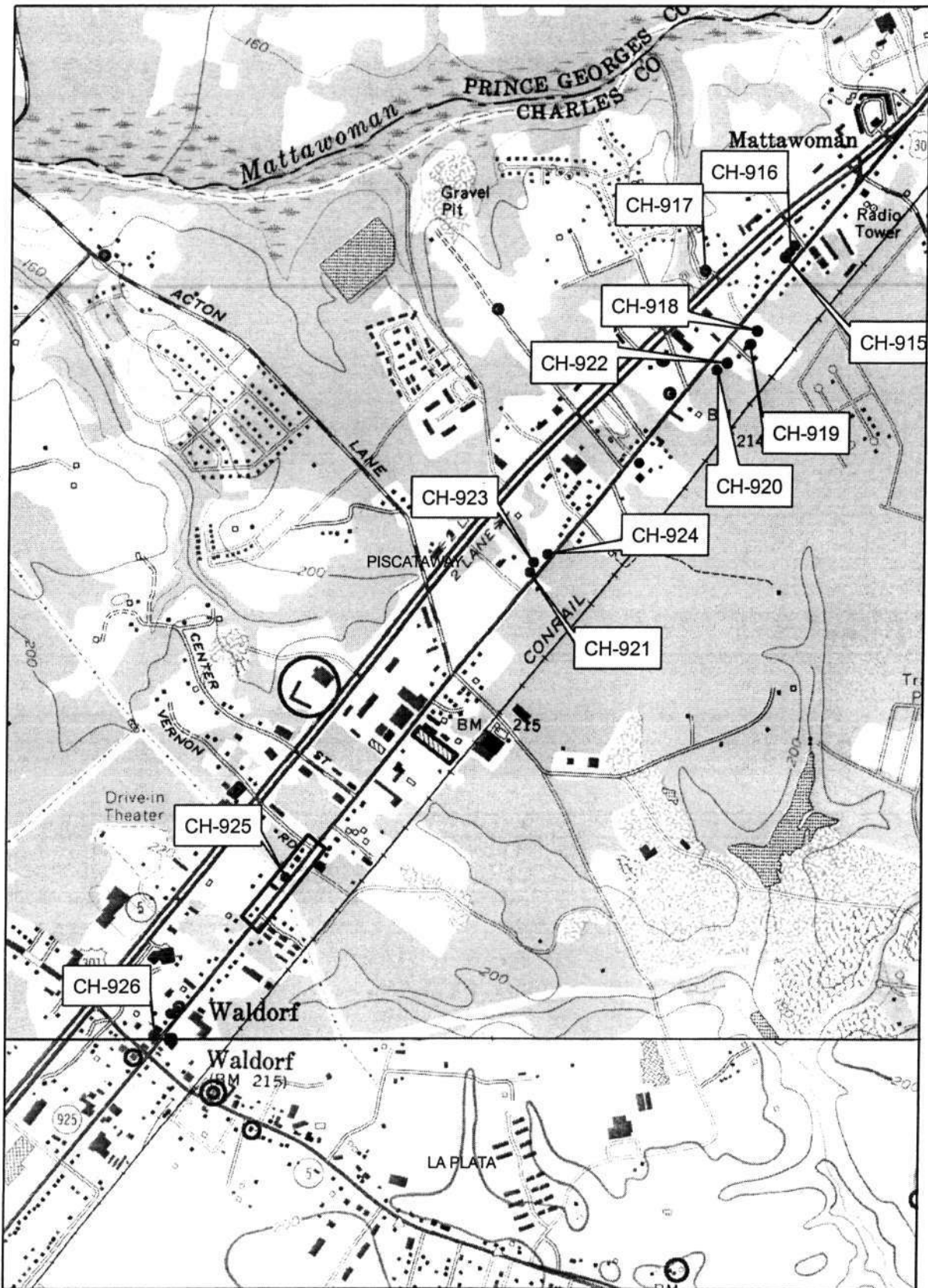
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began. Linking the rural areas of southern Maryland to the urban centers in the north, Crain Highway attracted new commercial and domestic development. As a result of the highway, Waldorf became an important interchange on Crain Highway between the rest of southern Maryland and Washington D.C. The commercial and residential development that sprang up contributed greatly to the overall growth of the town in the 1920s and 1930s.

This c. 1930 structure is not eligible for the National Register. It lacks significance related to events, persons or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.

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